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#### <u>RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111</u>

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#### SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2007, the term for response to which expires on April 27, 2007.

#### ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention III for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

### CLAIMS READABLE:

The claims readable on elected Invention III are claims 9-24.

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Applicants have informed the undersigned that the original inventorship is still correct for the elected subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted

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Dated: April 12, 2007

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